

I am very concerned about BellSouth's request to exclude independent ISPs from access to DSL. If BellSouth is allowed to re-monopolize the telecommunications market, and if SBC follows this precedent, virtually all consumers in California will be left with just two choices for broadband: SBC/Yahoo or Comcast. This could impact the ongoing viability of independent Internet Service Providers and cost to consumers. Eliminating competition usually results in higher consumer costs, eliminates choice and restricts access. Historically, the unlimited power of monopolies eliminates accountability and responsiveness to consumers and local communities and it drives out independent businesses. Please do not allow any companies to monopolize and control access and costs of communication.